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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: FR, IZ, PINS  
SUBJECT: TERRORIST INCIDENT AT IRAQI  
EMBASSY IN PARIS

1. THE JULY 31 TERRORIST INCIDENT AT THE IRAQI EMBASSY  
HERE CONCLUDED IN HIGHLY PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES; A  
FRENCH POLICEMAN WAS KILLED, APPARENTLY BY IRAQI SE-  
CURITY GUARDS, AFTER THE LONE TERRORIST HAD SURRENDERED  
AND WAS BEING ESCORTED BY FRENCH POLICE TO A WAITING  
VAN. THE FRENCH POLICE THEN RETURNED IRAQI FIRE AND  
KILLED AN EMBASSY SECURITY GUARD. THIS VERSION OF  
EVENTS HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BY THE FRENCH  
POLICE, BUT THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR HERE HAS IMPLIED THAT  
THE GUNFIRE WHICH KILLED THE FRENCH POLICEMAN MAY  
ACTUALLY HAVE COME FROM UNIDENTIFIED ACCOMPLICES OF  
THE TERRORIST.

2. DESPITE THE IRRITATION OF THE POLICE, AND AN  
INDIGNANT REACTION BY THE PARIS PRESS, THE GOF IS  
PLAYING DOWN THE AFFAIR. THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN THREE  
IRAQI SECURITY GUARDS INTO CUSTODY AND ARE CARRYING  
OUT AN INVESTIGATION, BUT THE FRENCH HAVE AN INTEREST  
IN MAINTAINING THEIR GOOD RELATIONS WITH IRAQ AND OUR  
OFFICIAL CONTACTS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THIS INCIDENT  
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WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DAMAGE THOSE RELATIONS.  
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